Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department

Supervisor's Report on Use of Force

Incident Information

URN: 018-06326-1519-053	Date: 09/12/18	Time: 1739 Hrs.	
Location: [redacted] Greenvale Avenue	City or Station: Pico Rivera		
Bureau/Station/Facility: South Patrol Division / Pico Rivera Station	Admin. Investigation: ○ YES ◉ NO		
Type of Force: Less Lethal Weapon (Arwen)			
Incident Category: ○ 1 ○ 2 ◉ 3	Deputy Injury: ○ YES ◉ NO	Suspect Injury: ◉ YES ○ NO	
☒ Call	☐ Observation	☐ Detail	☐ Foot Pursuit ☐ Vehicle Pursuit
IAB Notified: ◉ YES ○ NO	Person Notified: Lt. Minh Dinh	Emp: [redacted]	IAB Roll Out ◉ YES ○ NO

Involved Employee

E 1

Employee #: [redacted]	Last Name: Huerta	First Name: Steven	Middle I.: NMI	Rank: DSG	
Sex: ◉ M ○ F	Race: H	Height: 5'06"	Weight: 200	Age: [redacted]	Shift: ◉ EM ○ Day ○ PM ◉ Regular Shift ○ OT Shift ○ Off Duty
Unit of Assignment: Pico Rivera Station	Work Assignment (Unit #, Module, etc.): 152E				
Individual Force Used: Less Lethal Weapon/ARWEN	○ Directed ○ Rescue ○ Medical Assist	Individual Category: ○ 1 ○ 2 ◉ 3			
☐ Injured ☐ Treated ☐ Admitted	Facility: NA	Coroner Case #:			

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Employee #:	Last Name:	First Name:	Middle I.:	Rank:	
Sex: ○ M ○ F	Race:	Height:	Weight:	Age:	Shift: ○ EM ○ Day ○ PM ○ Regular Shift ○ OT Shift ○ Off Duty
Unit of Assignment:	Work Assignment (Unit #, Module, etc.):				
Individual Force Used:	○ Directed ○ Rescue ○ Medical Assist	Individual Category: ○ 1 ○ 2 ○ 3			
☐ Injured ☐ Treated ☐ Admitted	Facility:	Coroner Case #:			

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Employee #:	Last Name:	First Name:	Middle I.:	Rank:	
Sex: ○ M ○ F	Race:	Height:	Weight:	Age:	Shift: ○ EM ○ Day ○ PM ○ Regular Shift ○ OT Shift ○ Off Duty
Unit of Assignment:	Work Assignment (Unit #, Module, etc.):				
Individual Force Used:	○ Directed ○ Rescue ○ Medical Assist	Individual Category: ○ 1 ○ 2 ○ 3			
☐ Injured ☐ Treated ☐ Admitted	Facility:	Coroner Case #:			

On Duty Supervisor

☐ Additional Involved Employees

Emp. #	Last Name	First Name	Middle I.	Rank	Present	Witness to Incident
[redacted]	[redacted]	[redacted]	[redacted]	Lt.	◉ YES ○ NO	○ YES ◉ NO

Supervisor Completing Investigation

Emp. #	Last Name	First Name	Middle I.	Rank	Present	Witness to Incident
[redacted]	Castillo	Maricela	NMI	Sgt.	○ YES ◉ NO	○ YES ◉ NO

Watch Commander / Supervising Lieutenant

Emp. #	Last Name	First Name	Middle I.	Rank
[redacted]	Dinh	Minh	G.	Lt.

Watch Commander / Supervising Lieutenant's **Signature:** Minh Dinh (signature) Date: 6/3/19

Copy Provided to Employee by: ______ Emp #: ______

Unit Commander **(Print Name)** ______ Unit Commander's **Signature**: ______ Emp #: ______ Date ______

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☐ PPI REVIEW COMPLETED

Original: Discovery Unit
Copy: Unit Commander

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SUSPECT INFORMATION

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Suspect Information

S 1

Last Name	First Name	Middle Name	Armed? Select
Salas	Mark	V.	Not Armed

AKA Last Name: First Name: Middle Name:

Sex	Race	Age	Height	Weight	D.O.B	Phone #1: ◉ H ○ W ○ C	Phone #2: ○ H ○ W ○ C
◉ Male ○ Female	H	21	508	150	08/27/97	NA	NA

Street Address: [redacted] City: [redacted] State & Zip Code: [redacted]

Booking #: 5421144 Primary Charge Code: 245 (A) (1) P.C. Secondary Charge Code: 594 (b)(1) P.C [redacted] Criminal History

Treated on Scene? ◉ YES ○ NO Name: LACFD-Captain Leclair Unit: Engine 17 Phone #: 562-698-8455

Hospital Admission? ☐ Rec'd Treatment At: Presbyterian Intercomm Coroner Case #: Mental History ☒ User's guide provides direction on this entry

By: Marisa Gonzalez, PA-C Address: 12401 Washington Blvd., Whittier, CA Phone #: 562-698-0811

Under Influence: ◉ YES ○ NO Substance: Alcohol 5150 a factor in force? ◉ YES ○ NO User's guide provides direction on this entry

Date: 10/03/2018 Time: 1000 H ☒ Audiotape: ☒ Videotape: ☒ Photos of Injuries: ☒ ADMITS HEARING ANNOUNCEMENTS

Suspect Information

S_

Last Name: First Name: Middle Name: Armed? Select:

AKA Last Name: First Name: Middle Name:

Sex: ○ Male ○ Female Race: Age: Height: D.O.B. Weight: Phone #1: ○ H ○ W ○ C Phone #2: ○ H ○ W ○ C

Street Address: City: State & Zip Code:

Booking #: Primary Charge Code: Secondary Charge Code: ☐ Criminal History

Treated on Scene? ○ YES ○ NO By: Unit: Phone #:

Hospital Admission? ☐ Rec'd Treatment At: Coroner Case #: Mental History ☐ User's guide provides direction on this entry

By: Address: Phone #:

Under Influence: ○ YES ○ NO Substance: 5150 a factor in force? ○ YES ○ NO User's guide provides direction on this entry

Date: Time: ☐ Audiotape: ☐ Videotape: ☐ Photos of Injuries: ☐ ADMITS HEARING ANNOUNCEMENTS

Suspect Information

S_

Last Name: First Name: Middle Name: Armed? Select:

AKA Last Name: First Name: Middle Name:

Sex: ○ Male ○ Female Race: Age: Height: D.O.B. Weight: Phone #1: ○ H ○ W ○ C Phone #2: ○ H ○ W ○ C

Street Address: City: State & Zip Code:

Booking #: Primary Charge Code: Secondary Charge Code: ☐ Criminal History

Treated on Scene? ○ YES ○ NO By: Unit: Phone #:

Hospital Admission? ☐ Rec'd Treatment At: Coroner Case #: Mental History ☐ User's guide provides direction on this entry

By: Address: Phone #:

Under Influence: ○ YES ○ NO Substance: 5150 a factor in force? ○ YES ○ NO User's guide provides direction on this entry

Date: Time: ☐ Audiotape: ☐ Videotape: ☐ Photos of Injuries: ☐ ADMITS HEARING ANNOUNCEMENTS

☐ **Additional Suspects Involved**

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EMPLOYEE / NON-EMPLOYEE INFORMATION

0 1 8 - 0 6 3 2 6 - 1 5 1 9 - 0 5 3

Employee Witnesses

Emp. #	Last Name	First Name	Middle Name	Unit of Assignment	Work Assignment (Unit #, Module, etc.)	Shift: EM / Day / PM	Regular / OT / Off Duty
[redacted]	[redacted]	[redacted]	[redacted]	[redacted]	[redacted]	[redacted] EM [redacted] Day [redacted] PM	[redacted] Regular [redacted] OT [redacted] Off Duty
[redacted]	Avila	David	M.	Pico Rivera Station	Detective Bureau	○ EM ◉ Day ○ PM	◉ Regular ○ OT ○ Off Duty
[redacted]	Urena	Maria	N.	Pico Rivera Station	Detective Bureau	○ EM ◉ Day ○ PM	◉ Regular ○ OT ○ Off Duty

Non-Employee Witnesses

Last Name	First Name	Middle Name	Age	D.O.B.	Street Address	City	Zip Code	Phone #1	Phone #2
[redacted]	[redacted]	[redacted]	24	[redacted]	[redacted]	[redacted]	[redacted]	[redacted]	[redacted]
[redacted]	[redacted]	[redacted]	48	[redacted]	[redacted]	[redacted]	[redacted]	[redacted]	
[redacted]	[redacted]	[redacted]	32	[redacted]	[redacted]	[redacted]	[redacted]	[redacted]	[redacted]

☐ Additional Witness

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EMPLOYEE / NON-EMPLOYEE INFORMATION - Continuation

0 1 8 - 0 6 3 2 6 - 1 5 1 9 - 0 5 3

Employee Witnesses

Emp. #	Last Name	First Name	Middle Name
[redacted]	Concha	Damian	R.

Unit of Assignment:	Work Assignment (Unit #, Module, etc.):	Shift:	
Pico Rivera Station	Detective Bureau	○ EM ◉ Day ○ PM	◉ Regular ○ OT ○ Off Duty

Emp. #	Last Name	First Name	Middle Name
[redacted]	Valles	Roverto	NMN

Unit of Assignment:	Work Assignment (Unit #, Module, etc.):	Shift:	
Pico Rivera Station	Detective Bureau	○ EM ◉ Day ○ PM	◉ Regular ○ OT ○ Off Duty

Emp. #	Last Name	First Name	Middle Name
[redacted]	[redacted]	[redacted]	[redacted]

Unit of Assignment:	Work Assignment (Unit #, Module, etc.):	Shift:	
[redacted]	[redacted]	[redacted] EM [redacted] Day [redacted] PM	[redacted] egular [redacted]

Non-Employee Witnesses

Last Name	First Name	Middle Name	Age	D.O.B.

Street Address	City	Zip Code	Phone #1	Phone #2

Last Name	First Name	Middle Name	Age	D.O.B.

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Employee Witnesses

Emp. #	Last Name	First Name	Middle Name
[redacted]	Villanueva	Lisa	M.

Unit of Assignment:	Work Assignment (Unit #, Module, etc.):	Shift:	
Pico Rivera Station	Detective Bureau	○ EM (•) Day ○ PM	(•) Regular ○ OT ○ Off Duty

Emp. #	Last Name	First Name	Middle Name
[redacted]	Ramirez	Richard	S.

Unit of Assignment:	Work Assignment (Unit #, Module, etc.):	Shift:	
Pico Rivera Station	151F	○ EM ○ Day (•) PM	(•) Regular ○ OT ○ Off Duty

Emp. #	Last Name	First Name	Middle Name
[redacted]	Miranda	Joe	NMN

Unit of Assignment:	Work Assignment (Unit #, Module, etc.):	Shift:	
Mental Evaluation Team	H918E2	○ EM ○ Day (•) PM	(•) Regular ○ OT ○ Off Duty

Non-Employee Witnesses

Last Name	First Name	Middle Name	Age	D.O.B.

Street Address	City	Zip Code	Phone #1	Phone #2

Last Name	First Name	Middle Name	Age	D.O.B.

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Method

(AW) Arwen
(BC) Baton: (Control)
(BI) Baton: (Impact)
(BF) Bodily Fluids
(CN) Canine
(CR) Carotid Restraint
(CH) Choke Hold
(CT) Control Holds: (Control Techniques)
(TT) Control Holds: (Team Takedown)
(TD) Control Holds: (Takedown)
(CE) Chemical
(OC) Chemical Agents (OC Spray)
(TG) Chemical Agents (Tear Gas)
(EX) Explosives
(FH) Firearm (Handgun)
(FR) Firearm (Rifle)
(FS) Firearm (Shotgun)
(FO) Firearm (Other)
(FB) Flashbang
(FL) Flashlight
(OE) Other Weapon: Edged
(OV) Other Weapon: Vehicle
(OB) Other Weapon: Blunt Object
(OO) Other Weapon: Other
(PK) Personal Weapon: Feet/Leg: (Kick)
(PS) Personal Weapon: Feet/Leg: (Sweep)
(PH) Personal Weapon (Hand/Arm)
(PP) Personal Weapon (Push)
(PO) Personal Weapon (Other)
(RS) Resistance
(RO) Restraint Device (Other)
(RH) Restraint Device (Handcuffs)
(HB) Restraint Device: Hobble (Legs Only)
(TP) Restraint Device: Hobble (TARP)
(RE) Restraint Device: REACT Belt
(SP) Sap
(SH) Shield
(IR) Less Lethal Impact Round (other)
(SB) Sting Ball
(ST) Stun Bag
(TR) Taser
(UC) Uncooperative
(HR) High Risk

Type of Injury

(AB) Abrasion
(BR) Bruise
(BU) Burn
(CP) Complaint of Pain
(CO) Concussion
(DH) Death
(DI) Dislocation
(DB) Dog Bite
(FR) Fractures
(GS) Gunshot
(HB) Human Bite
(LC) Lacerations
(ND) Nerve Damage
(OD) Organ Damage
(PA) Paralysis
(PW) Puncture Wound
(SD) Soft Tissue Damage
(ST) Sprain/Twists
(UN) Unconscious
(RM) Refused Med Treatment
(NN) NONE

Body Part Involved

(AD) Abdomen
(AK) Ankle
(AR) Arm
(BK) Back
(BT) Buttocks
(CH) Chest
(EL) Elbow
(FA) Face
(FE) Feet
(FI) Fingers
(GE) Genitals
(GR) Groin
(HD) Hands
(HE) Head
(HI) Hip
(IN) Internal
(KN) Knees
(LE) Leg
(NK) Neck
(NO) Nose
(SH) Shoulder
(WR) Wrist

FORCE USED BY		FORCE USED AGAINST		Method (Code)	Type of Injury (Code)	Body Part (Code)
Name	E# or S#	Name	E# or S#			
Mark Salas	S1	Steven Huerta	E1	HR	NN	
Steven Huerta	E1	Mark Salas	S1	AW	FR	CH
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""	""	""	""	AW	BR	AD

INVESTIGATIVE SUMMARY

COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES
SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT

INVESTIGATIVE SUMMARY

INCIDENT: **Category 3 Force, Fractured Rib and Lacerated Liver**

IAB FILE NUMBER: **FO 2463842**

DATE/ TIME: **September 12, 2018 / 1739 Hours**

LOCATION: [redacted]**Greenvale Avenue, Pico Rivera, CA 90660**

SYNOPSIS:

On September 12, 2018, Internal Affairs Bureau (IAB) Sergeants Maricela Castillo and Israel Renteria responded to Pico Rivera Station regarding a Category-3 use of force, wherein Mr. Mark Salas (Suspect Salas) sustained a fractured right fourth rib, a lacerated liver, and bruising of abdominal tissues as the result of the impact made by a Baton Launching munition. Sergeant Maricela Castillo was assigned the force review.

SUMMARY:

On September 12, 2018, at approximately 1739 hours, Pico Rivera deputies responded to a priority call regarding two males fighting in front of [redacted] (Incident #PRV18255-0146). Deputy Richard Ramirez (Unit 151F/PM) was the handling unit, and Deputy Jose Hernandez (Unit 152/PM) was the assisting unit. This priority call-for-service was voiced on Dispatch 13 (the main radio frequency), and the responding deputies coordinated their responses on L-TAC **[EXHIBIT A]**.

> **IAB NOTE**: Dispatch 13 is the assigned working frequency for Pico Rivera Station, while L-TAC is the local tactical frequency used by the field units.

Before the deputies arrived at the location, the following updates to the call were provided, "DP MH/A HITTING MALE WEARING UNDERWEAR WITH A BAT; FEMALE BLEEDING." The priority call was then upgraded to an emergent call of an Assault with a Deadly Weapon call.

The deputies arrived at the location within six minutes of receiving the call. Deputy Ramirez was contacted by Ms. [redacted] (Witness [redacted]) and Mr. [redacted] (Witness [redacted]). Witness [redacted] lived at the location with her two [redacted] (Witness [redacted] and Suspect Salas). According to Witness [redacted], Suspect Salas had just physically assaulted Witness [redacted]. Suspect Salas had also vandalized a neighbor's swimming pool, which belonged to Ms. [redacted] (Witness [redacted]).

IAB NOTE: Witness [redacted] used her cellphone to record a portion of the altercation between Suspect Salas and Witness [redacted]. She provided this video to the IAB investigator **[EXHIBIT B]**.

Suspect Salas was inside his residence and refused to exit to speak with the deputies. The deputies used their patrol vehicles' spotlights to illuminate the residence and made several announcements requesting Suspect Salas to step out, via the public address system. Suspect Salas did not comply.

The field deputies established a command post at the corner of Roma Street and Greenvale Avenue, which was [redacted] of the location, and requested a field sergeant to the location. Sergeant Annie Walters, # [redacted] responded to the command post. The deputies also requested additional resources, and the following personnel responded to assist: Los Angeles County Mental Evaluation Team (MET) Deputies Joe Miranda, Travanti Johnson, # [redacted] and Sergeant Kevin Tiwari, # [redacted] Crisis Negotiation Team (CNT) Sergeant Alan Healey, # [redacted] and Pico Rivera Detectives, under the command of Lieutenant [redacted] The Special Enforcement Bureau (SEB) was also notified; however, this call for service did not meet the requirements for their deployment.

Detective David Avila authored a warrant for the arrest of Suspect Salas, which was reviewed and telephonically approved by Judge John Torribio. Detective Maria Urena authored the Operations Plan to execute the warrant **[EXHIBIT C]**.

At 2029 hours, MET Deputies Miranda and Johnson arrived at the command post. Deputy Miranda had the primary handle of the operation. He formulated a plan to speak with Suspect Salas to negotiate a peaceful surrender. Deputy Miranda maintained a safe distance as he spoke calmly to Suspect Salas. Suspect Salas removed the window screen from his bedroom window, stuck his head out and yelled profanities at them. Deputy Miranda continued his efforts for approximately thirty minutes. Suspect Salas did not comply.

At approximately 2200 hours, Lieutenant [redacted] arrived with the entry team, which consisted of the following personnel: Sergeant Rudy Ramos, # [redacted] Detectives William Strnad, # [redacted], Luis Mendoza, # [redacted], Roverto Valles, [redacted] Damian Concha, and David Avila. Lieutenant [redacted] and Detective Avila held a briefing and formulated an entry plan.

Deputy Huerta was attached to the entry team and was assigned an ARWEN as a less lethal force option. Sergeant Walters and Deputy Ramirez positioned themselves southwest of Suspect Salas' bedroom window, behind a block wall. Deputy Ramirez was authorized to use stingball grenades as a diversionary tactic. East Los Angeles Station Deputies Steve Miller and Johnny Kang, #[redacted] Unit 25A, took the rear containment position, one house south of the location. Detective Lisa Villanueva positioned herself in front of the residence, in the north driveway leading to the back yard. All members assigned to the execution of this warrant coordinated their responses on A-TAC **[EXHIBIT A]**.

> **IAB NOTE**: An ARWEN (Anti-Riot Weapon Enfield) is a 37 mm projectile less-lethal special weapon (five shot capacity) designed and primarily deployed to incapacitate, while minimizing fatalities, permanent injury, and undesired damage to property. The high energy round (K-01) requires a minimum barrel standoff of [redacted] feet to a maximum of [redacted] feet (Field Operations Directive #90-09/Sage Control Ordinance) **[Miscellaneous Documents]**.

> **IAB NOTE:** A stingball grenade is a Noise/Flash Diversionary Devise (NFDD) which explodes to disperse small rubber balls, accompanied by a loud noise and bright flash designed to disorient subjects (MPP: 5-06/040.25) **[Miscellaneous Documents]**.

At 2307 hours, Deputy Ramirez launched two stingball grenades and the entry team forcibly breached the front door. As the entry team walked toward the south hallway from the living room, Detective Avila saw Suspect Salas walk toward the rear of the residence. Detective Avila ordered Suspect Salas to stop, but he did not comply. The entry team continued to tactically clear the residence for any possible threats. A few seconds later, they heard a radio broadcast about Suspect Salas in the back yard of the location.

> **IAB NOTE:** One stingball grenade did not detonate, and it was later rendered safe by Arson and Explosive Detectives.

Detectives Avila, Concha, Urena, and Deputy Huerta exited the residence through the rear (west) kitchen door leading to the back yard, as the entry team members continued to clear the house. Suspect Salas was standing in the back yard against the rear (west) wall of the residence, looking in all directions. Deputy Huerta and Detectives Avila, Concha, and Urena, maintained a safe distance of approximately ten feet away from Suspect Salas. Detective Avila ordered Suspect Salas to get on the ground; however, Suspect Salas did not comply. Suspect Salas appeared to be disoriented and aggressive toward the entry team members. Detective Avila opined Suspect Salas was under the influence of a controlled substance, based on Suspect Salas' erratic behavior.

Detective Avila, again ordered Suspect Salas to get down on the ground. Suspect Salas turned his body and looked directly at Detective Avila. Suspect Salas took a fighting stance by flexing his arms and chest, and clenching his hands.

Deputy Huerta believed Suspect Salas was going to assault Detective Avila. He fired an ARWEN high energy round at Suspect Salas, aiming at his torso. The ARWEN baton hit Suspect Salas' right torso, causing him to bend forward and fall to the ground. Suspect Salas' aggressive demeanor diminished. Detectives Avila and Concha grabbed Suspect Salas' arms as Detective Urena handcuffed him without resistance.

The deputies reported the use of force to their supervisors and documented their actions under report number 018-06326-1519-053 **[EXHIBIT D]**.

INVOLVED PERSONNEL:

Deputy Steven Huerta # [redacted]
South Patrol
Pico Rivera Station

Date of Employment:	January 17, 2002
Dates Assigned to Pico Rivera Station:	November 10 2013
Patrol Training Completion:	[redacted]
Prior Shooting Incident:	(SH 2386874)
Prior Founded Force Incidents:	[redacted]

SUSPECT:

Salas, Mark V. MH/21 Booking# 5421144

Suspect Salas had [redacted]
[Miscellaneous Documents].

WITNESSES:

Lieutenant [redacted]
Detective David Avila
Detective Maria Urena
Detective Damian Concha
Detective Roverto Valles
Detective [redacted]
Detective Lisa Villanueva
Deputy Richard Ramirez
Deputy Joe Miranda


Civilian [redacted]
Civilian [redacted]
Civilian [redacted]

The following personnel responded and partook in the operation; however, they did not observe the use of force, nor did they use force:

Personnel	Assignment
Sergeant Annie Walters	South Containment
ELA Steven Miller	Rear Containment
ELA Johnny Kang	Rear Containment
Sergeant Rudy Ramos	Entry Team - Interior
Detective William Strnad	Entry Team - Interior
Detective Luis Mendoza	Entry Team - Interior
Aero Deputy John Racz	Aero Unit
Aero Deputy Steven Kaniewski	Aero Unit
MET Deputy Travanti Johnson	Command Post
MET Sergeant Kevin Tiwari	Command Post
CNT Sergeant Alan Healey	Command Post

INJURIES:

Suspect Salas was treated at the location by paramedics and transported to Presbyterian Intercommunity Hospital (PIH), where he was treated by Doctor P. Farahat for a fractured rib, lacerated liver, and contusion to the soft tissues where the ARWEN baton hit his abdomen. Suspect Salas was admitted to the Los Angeles County USC+ Medical Center (LCMC) for observation **[EXHIBIT E]**.

PHYSICAL EVIDENCE:

During the execution of the warrant, two stingball grenades and one ARWEN K-01 high energy baton were employed. Parts of an expended stingball grenade and one expended ARWEN baton were recovered and booked into evidence. The second stingball grenade failed to detonate, and it was later rendered safe by Arson and Explosive Sergeant Jeff Moore, #[redacted]

INVESTIGATOR OBSERVATIONS:

None

WEAPONS USED BY DEPUTY PERSONNEL:

Deputy Huerta discharged one (1) 37mm high energy round from the ARWEN.

WEAPONS USED BY SUSPECT:

None

PROPERTY DAMAGE:

There was no property damaged as a result of this use of force incident.

LIGHTING AND WEATHER CONDITIONS:

The incident occurred during nighttime hours. The weather was cool and clear. The area had no visible lights and was only illuminated with personal flashlights and the aero unit's spot light.

CRIMINAL INVESTIGATION AND CHARGES FILES:

On September 12, 2018, Suspect Salas was charged with Assault with Deadly Weapon, 245 (A)(1) P.C. and Vandalism, 594 (b)(1) P.C., under case number DOW8DN07787. He was also arrested for an outstanding warrant for Battery, 242 P.C.

On October 4, 2018, a guilty verdict for Assault with a Deadly Weapon, 245 (A)(1) P.C. and Obstructing a Peace Officer, 148 (A)(1) P.C. was entered into record. Suspect Salas was sentenced to serve 45 days and three years of probation **[Miscellaneous Documents]**.

INVOLVED EMPLOYEE STATEMENTS:

Internal Affairs Bureau investigators interviewed the following involved Department personnel. The interviews were digitally recorded and transcribed. For complete statements made, more information, and precise wording, see attached verbatim interview transcriptions.

DEPUTY STEVE HUERTA

On April 24, 2019, IAB Sergeant Maricela Castillo interviewed Deputy Huerta at the Internal Affairs Bureau office. The interview was digitally recorded and transcribed. The interview transcript was included with this case. The following is a summary of the interview.

On September 12, 2018, Deputy Huerta worked as Unit 152E on early morning shift. Upon starting his shift at 2100 hours, he was dispatched to [redacted] Greenvale Avenue, Pico Rivera to assist the entry team with their execution of an arrest warrant. Deputy Huerta responded to the command post where a tactical briefing was held by Lieutenant [redacted] and Detective Avila.

Deputy Huerta was a member of the entry team and was assigned an ARWEN as a less lethal force option. Deputy Huerta inspected the weapon and observed it had been loaded with high energy munitions. Deputy Huerta was trained to utilize the ARWEN. He was aware he had to be a minimum distance of [redacted] feet away from the person, whom he intended to discharge the weapon against **(Huerta, Transcript, page 11)**.

Deputy Huerta was the second person on the entry team, behind Detective Avila. The entry team took a position on the north side of the residence. There they waited for clearance from Lieutenant [redacted] to execute the arrest warrant. As he stood by with the entry team, he heard a "flashbang" detonate and someone said, "Go, go, go" **(Huerta, Transcript, page 9-10)**.

> **IAB NOTE:** A Flash-Bang Grenade was not used during this operation; only stingball grenades were used.

The entry team approached and entered the residence. As the team conducted a protective sweep of the residence, he heard someone say, "The suspect ran out of the back door" **(Huerta, Transcript, page 10)**. Deputy Huerta and Detective Avila exited the rear kitchen door and observed Suspect Salas standing in the back yard in an agitated state. Detective Avila and Deputy Huerta stood in an open area next to the garage, approximately ten feet away from Suspect Salas. Detective Avila ordered Suspect Salas to get on the ground, but he did not comply.

Detective Avila ordered Suspect Salas to get on the ground a second time. Suspect Salas turned toward Detective Avila, flexed his chest muscles, and with his arms to his side, he clenched his fists and shuffled his feet. He then looked directly at Detective Avila as if he was about to assault him. Deputy Huerta announced he was deploying the ARWEN before he discharged it. Deputy Huerta then fired the ARWEN striking Suspect Salas once on the right side of the torso. Suspect Salas stood for a second, and then he fell to the ground, where he was handcuffed without further incident.

WITNESS STATEMENTS:

The following narratives are intended only as a synopsis of the interviews. Additional information and precise wording may be obtained by reviewing the digitally audio recorded interviews or the digitally recorded video and verbatim transcriptions submitted with this case.

LIEUTENANT [redacted]

On April 23, 2019, IAB Sergeant Maricela Castillo interviewed Lieutenant [redacted] at Pico Rivera Station.

Lieutenant [redacted] responded to Pico Rivera Station to assist patrol personnel with a barricaded suspect incident. Lieutenant [redacted] arrived to the station and was briefed by the Watch Commander, Lieutenant Jose Gonzalez, #[redacted]. Lieutenant [redacted] was informed that Suspect Salas lived with his [redacted] Witness [redacted] and their [redacted] Witness [redacted], at [redacted]

Suspect Salas assaulted Witness [redacted] with a wooden stick, and Witness [redacted] was desirous of prosecution. Furthermore, Witnesses [redacted] and [redacted] were unable to return to their home, because Suspect Salas refused to leave, and he was either "having a mental episode, or he was under the influence of narcotics" **([redacted] Transcript, page 4)**.

Lieutenant [redacted] ensured an arrest warrant and the affiliated documents were completed before two tactical briefings were held: one at the station prior to responding to the command post, and one at the command post prior to executing the arrest warrant.

At the command post, Lieutenant [redacted] assigned Deputy Huerta to the entry team with an ARWEN as a less lethal force option. The entry team was positioned on the north side of the property, awaiting orders to approach the residence. Sergeant Walters and Deputy Ramirez positioned themselves southwest of Suspect Salas' bedroom window, by a 6 foot high block wall. Deputy Ramirez was assigned to launch stingball grenades as a diversionary tactic if necessary **([redacted] Transcript, page 9)**.

> **IAB NOTE:** According to Sergeant Walters, she did not observe the use of force incident.

Lieutenant [redacted] stood with Deputy Miranda on the neighbor's porch, just southeast of the suspects' bedroom window, as they attempted to negotiate for Suspect Salas' peaceful surrender. Suspect Salas did not comply and continued to yell profanities at them. After thirty minutes of failed negotiation attempts, Lieutenant [redacted] directed Deputy Ramirez to employ the stingball grenades as a diversionary tactic, and informed the entry team on the A-TAC frequency to simultaneously breach the front door and execute the arrest warrant.

From his position, Lieutenant [redacted] observed the entry team enter the residence. He did not observe what occurred inside the residence, nor did he observe the use of force incident that later occurred in the back yard. After the incident concluded, Lieutenant [redacted] observed Suspect Salas had sustained a fresh wound to the right side of his abdomen. He ensured Suspect Salas received medical treatment for his injuries.

DETECTIVE DAVID AVILA

On April 23, 2019, IAB Sergeant Maricela Castillo interviewed Detective Avila at Pico Rivera Station.

At approximately 1800 hours, Detective Avila responded to assist patrol personnel in regard to a barricaded suspect. Detective Avila arrived at the station and received additional details from Deputy Ramirez. Detective Avila assumed the role of Investigating Officer (IO) and authored an arrest warrant for Suspect Salas. The warrant was telephonically approved by Judge Torribio. Detective Avila held two tactical briefings: one at Pico Rivera Station, and one at the command post.

During the second briefing, Detective Avila learned the MET deputy had attempted to establish a rapport with Suspect Salas; however, Suspect Salas refused to surrender peacefully **(Avila, Transcript, page 7)**. Deputy Huerta was assigned to deploy an ARWEN, and was a member of the entry team. He was authorized to use the ARWEN as he deemed necessary.

The entry team was positioned north of the residence as they waited for Lieutenant [redacted] order to execute the arrest warrant. Detective Avila heard a stingball grenade detonate, followed by Lieutenant [redacted] radio broadcast, advising the team they were clear to approach the residence. The entry team conducted the required knock and notice and forcibly breached the front door.

As the team entered and cleared the residence, Detective Avila saw Suspect Salas emerge in the hallway Detective Avila ordered Suspect Salas to stop; however, he did not comply and walked toward the rear of the residence. Detective Avila heard a radio broadcast advising Suspect Salas was in the back yard.

At that point, Deputy Huerta and Detectives Avila, Concha, and Urena exited the residence through the rear kitchen door. Detective Avila exited first and observed Suspect Salas standing in the back yard in an agitated state. He also saw flashlights illuminating from the south and west side of the rear yard. Detective Avila and Deputy Huerta stood in an open area just north of Suspect Salas, approximately seven feet away from him. Detective Avila ordered Suspect Salas to get down on the ground, but he did not comply. Detective Avila opined Suspect Salas was under the influence of a controlled substance, based on Suspect Salas' erratic behavior.

> **IAB NOTE:** A scene photograph was utilized to aid Detective Avila in identifying his and Suspect Salas' position in the rear yard, just prior to the use of force incident **[EXHIBIT F]**.

Detective Avila ordered Suspect Salas to get on the ground a second time. Suspect Salas turned toward Detective Avila, flexed his chest muscles with his arms to his side, and clenched his hands. He then looked directly at Detective Avila as if he was about to assault him. At that point, Deputy Huerta discharged the ARWEN, striking Suspect Salas once on the right side of the torso. Suspect Salas stood there for a second, and then he fell to the ground.

Detective Avila approached and grabbed Suspect Salas' right wrist, as Detective Concha grabbed Suspect Salas' left wrist. Detective Urena handcuffed him without any resistance.

DETECTIVE MARIA URENA

On April 23, 2019, IAB Sergeant Maricela Castillo interviewed Detective Urena at Pico Rivera Station.

Detective Urena responded to Pico Rivera Station to assist with the execution of an arrest warrant. Detective Urena authored the Operations Plan. A tactical briefing was held at the station, and again at the command post.

The entry team took a position on the north side of Suspect Salas' residence. Detective Urena heard a stingball grenade detonate as the entry team simultaneously approached the residence. The entry team forcibly breeched the front door and entered the house. She believed she was the third person to enter. Detective Urena walked northerly toward the living room as the entry team veered toward the south hallway leading to the bedrooms. Detective Urena remained in the living room with another detective. A few seconds later, she heard a radio broadcast stating Suspect Salas was in the back yard.

At that point, Detective Urena exited the residence through the back kitchen door, with whom she believed to be with Sergeant Ramos, Deputy Huerta, Detective Avila, and Detective Concha. Detective Urena observed Suspect Salas standing in the back yard. He appeared to be disoriented as he looked in every direction.

> **IAB NOTE:** According to Sergeant Ramos, he remained in the residence with other detectives during the use of force incident.

Detective Urena was standing next to Deputy Huerta and another detective (NFD) approximately ten feet away from Suspect Salas **(Urena, Transcript, page 14)**. She heard Detective Avila order Suspect Salas to put his hands up; however, Suspect Salas did not comply. Suspect Salas then turned toward the detectives and appeared as if he was going to fight or flee. At that point, Deputy Huerta announced "ARWEN," which was followed by a loud ARWEN shot **(Urena, Transcript, page 17)**. Suspect Salas was hit once on the right side of his torso, which caused him to fall on the ground. Detectives Avila and Concha grabbed Suspect Salas' arms and Detective Urena handcuffed him without any resistance.

> **IAB NOTE:** A scene photograph was utilized to aid Detective Urena in identifying her and Suspect Salas' position in the rear yard, just prior to the use of force incident **[EXHIBIT F]**.

DETECTIVE DAMIAN CONCHA

On April 23, 2019, IAB Sergeant Maricela Castillo interviewed Detective Concha at Pico Rivera Station.

At approximately 1800 hours, Detective Concha responded to Pico Rivera Station to execute an arrest warrant for Suspect Salas. Afterward, he responded to the command post, where he was provided additional details as a member of the entry team. A tactical briefing was held at the command post and an entry plan was formulated. The entry team took a position just north of Suspect Salas' residence. Detective Concha heard the detonation of a "Flash-Bang" as they simultaneously approached and breeched the front door of the residence.

> **IAB NOTE:** A Flash-Bang Grenade was not used during this operation, only Stingball Grenades were used.

Upon entering, Detective Concha walked northerly toward the living room, along with one other detective. The entry team walked to the left toward the south hallway. Detective Concha stood at the north end of the living room and looked south past the kitchen, toward the south hallway. Detective Concha saw Suspect Salas walk west toward a rear bedroom of the residence. Detective Concha heard someone say Suspect Salas was in the back yard; however, he did not recall who said this.

At that point, Detectives Concha, Avila, Urena, and Deputy Huerta exited the residence through the kitchen door, leading to the back yard. Detectives Concha and Avila stood approximately ten feet away from Suspect Salas. Suspect Salas was standing in the back yard, near the rear wall of the residence looking around as if he wanted to flee. Detective Concha also saw flashlights illuminating from the south and west sides of the rear yard.

> **IAB NOTE:** A scene photograph was utilized to aid Detective Concha identifying his and Suspect Salas position in the rear yard, just prior to the use of force incident **[EXHIBIT F]**.

Detective Concha heard Detective Avila order Suspect Salas to get down on the ground; however, Suspect Salas did not comply. Deputy Huerta was standing slightly behind him and Detective Avila. Detective Avila ordered Suspect Salas to get on the ground a second time. Suspect Salas turned toward them, flexed his chest muscles and arms, similar to a "wresting position," and he clenched his hands **(Concha, Transcript, page 12)**. At that point, Deputy Huerta discharged the ARWEN, striking Suspect Salas once on the right side of the torso. Suspect Salas remained standing for a second, and then he fell to the ground on his left side. Detective Avila approached and grabbed Suspect Salas' right wrist as he grabbed Suspect Salas' left wrist. Detective Urena handcuffed Suspect Salas without any resistance.

DETECTIVE ROVERTO VALLES

On April 19, 2019, IAB Sergeant Maricela Castillo interviewed Detective Valles at Pico Rivera Station.

At approximately 1900 hours, Detective Valles responded to Pico Rivera Station to execute an arrest warrant for Suspect Salas. The entry team responded to the command post where a tactical briefing was held.

The entry team took a position, just north of Suspect Salas' residence. They approached and breached the front door of the residence. He was the fourth or fifth person to enter the house. Upon entering, Detective Valles walked northerly toward the living room, along with two other detectives. The rest of the detectives walked to the left, toward the south hallway. Detective Valles heard someone yell [Suspect Salas was] "running to the back." He paused for a few seconds to determine if he should respond to the back yard or remain inside to clear the residence **(Valle, Transcript, page 10-11)**.

Once he realized other team members were clearing the house, Detective Valles exited the rear kitchen door. He saw Deputy Huerta discharge the ARWEN. As he stepped out further, he saw Suspect Salas lying on the ground. Suspect Salas was handcuffed without any further incident. Detective Valles did not recall which detectives were in the back yard at the time of the use of force incident. Detective Valles did not hear any prior commands.

> **IAB NOTE:** A scene photograph was utilized to aid Detective Valles in identifying his and Suspect Salas position in the rear yard, just prior to the use of force incident **[EXHIBIT F]**.

DETECTIVE [redacted]

On April 23, 2019, IAB Sergeant Maricela Castillo interviewed Detective [redacted] at Pico Rivera Station.

Detective [redacted] responded to Pico Rivera Station to assist with the execution of an arrest warrant for Suspect Salas. Once she arrived at the station, the entry team was briefed, and each detective was provided an assignment. Detective [redacted] was assigned as the eighth person on the entry team.

The entry team positioned themselves on the north side of the residence. Lieutenant [redacted] and a MET deputy were on the south side of the residence to maintain contact with Suspect Salas, as the entry team made their approach. She recalled Detective Villanueva was positioned in the driveway on the north side of the residence.

The entry team entered the residence. As Detective [redacted] stepped past the doorframe of the residence, she heard Detective Villanueva yell, "stop," and "show me your hands" [redacted] **Transcript, page 10)**.

Detective [redacted] stepped out of the residence and approached Detective Villanueva on the north driveway. Detective [redacted] saw Suspect Salas standing in the back yard, facing west, toward the rear wall. Suspect Salas appeared disoriented, confused and in a state of panic. It appeared Suspect Salas could not figure out what to do [redacted] **Transcript, page 16)**.

At that point, Detective Avila exited the residence and gave the suspect several commands to get down on the ground; however, Suspect Salas did not comply. Suspect Salas' fists were clenched and his chest was tensed, as if he was going to fight or flee. Several Detectives simultaneously exited the residence and stood around Suspect Salas, which obstructed her view. Seconds later, Detective [redacted] heard the ARWEN shot, and she saw Suspect Salas on the ground. Suspect Salas was handcuffed without resistance.

> **IAB NOTE:** Scene photographs were utilized to aid Detective [redacted] in identifying her, Detective Villanueva and Suspect Salas' position, prior to the use of force incident **[EXHIBIT F]**.

DETECTIVE LISA VILLANUEVA

On April 19, 2019, IAB Sergeant Maricela Castillo interviewed Detective Villanueva at Pico Rivera Station.

Detective Villanueva responded to the command post to assist the entry team with the execution of an arrest warrant. Once she arrived, she learned the entry team was positioned on the north side of the residence. Detective Villanueva responded to the entry team's location and took a containment position by the north side gate of Suspect Salas' residence.

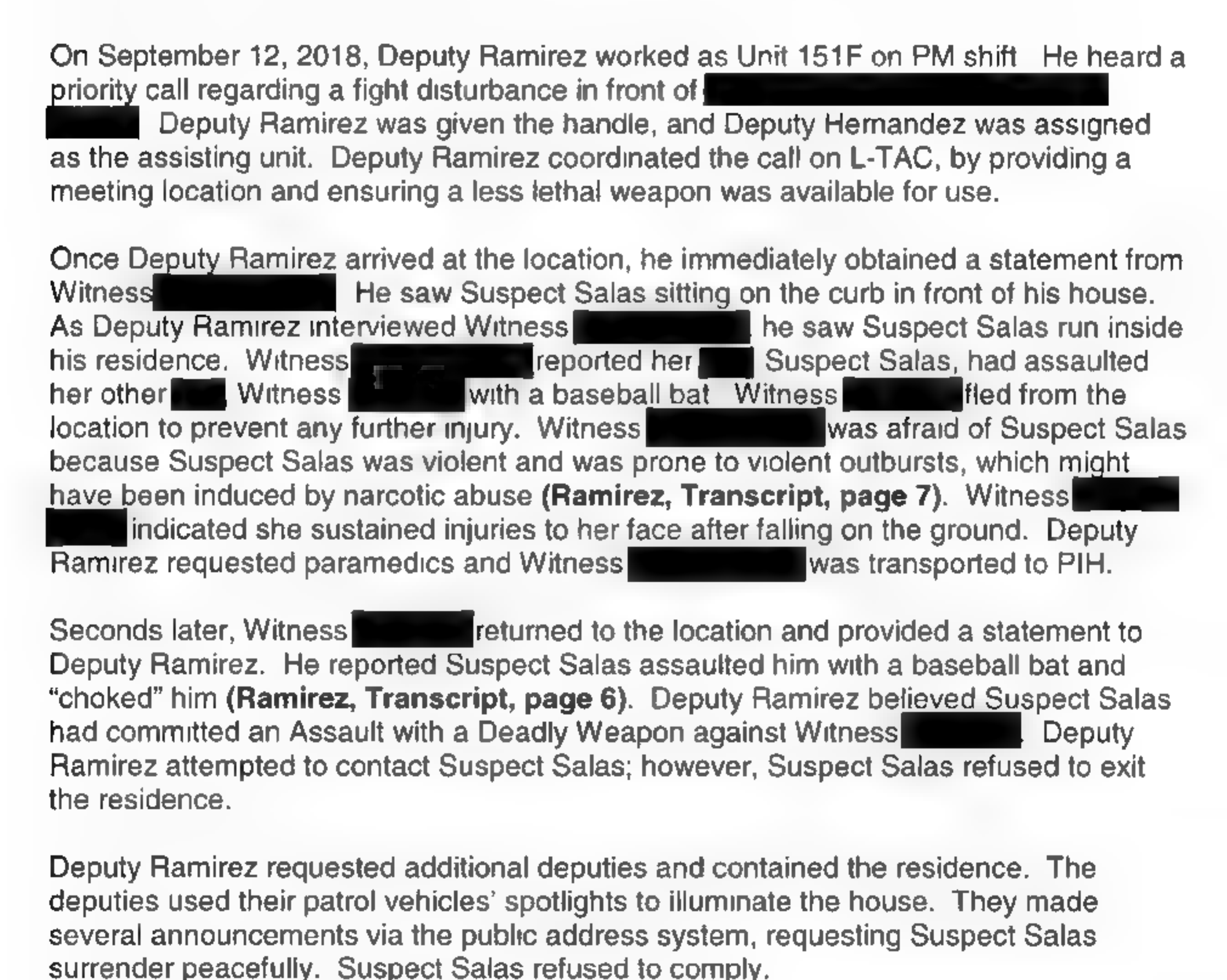
> **IAB NOTE:** A scene photograph was utilized to aid Detective Villanueva in identifying her containment position during this operation **[EXHIBIT F]**.

The entry team approached and entered the residence. A few seconds later, Detective Villanueva saw Suspect Salas in the back yard. Suspect Salas appeared agitated. He was pacing in a circle with his hands clenched as if he was going to fight **(Villanueva, Transcript, page 11)**. Detective Villanueva gave Suspect Salas commands to put his hands up and walk back toward her; however, he did not comply **(Villanueva, Transcript, page 9)**.

At that point, three or four detectives exited the residence and surrounded Suspect Salas. Several commands were given to Suspect Salas, telling him to get on the ground; however, he did not respond. Detective Villanueva heard an ARWEN shot, and saw Suspect Salas lying on the ground. She noticed Detectives Avila, Urena and Concha were in the back yard with Deputy Huerta. Suspect Salas was handcuffed without resistance.

DEPUTY RICHARD S. RAMIREZ

On April 23, 2019, IAB Sergeant Maricela Castillo interviewed Deputy Ramirez at Pico Rivera Station.



On September 12, 2018, Deputy Ramirez worked as Unit 151F on PM shift He heard a priority call regarding a fight disturbance in front of [redacted] Deputy Ramirez was given the handle, and Deputy Hernandez was assigned as the assisting unit. Deputy Ramirez coordinated the call on L-TAC, by providing a meeting location and ensuring a less lethal weapon was available for use.

Once Deputy Ramirez arrived at the location, he immediately obtained a statement from Witness [redacted] He saw Suspect Salas sitting on the curb in front of his house. As Deputy Ramirez interviewed Witness [redacted] he saw Suspect Salas run inside his residence. Witness [redacted] reported her [redacted] Suspect Salas, had assaulted her other [redacted] Witness [redacted] with a baseball bat Witness [redacted] fled from the location to prevent any further injury. Witness [redacted] was afraid of Suspect Salas because Suspect Salas was violent and was prone to violent outbursts, which might have been induced by narcotic abuse **(Ramirez, Transcript, page 7)**. Witness [redacted] indicated she sustained injuries to her face after falling on the ground. Deputy Ramirez requested paramedics and Witness [redacted] was transported to PIH.

Seconds later, Witness [redacted] returned to the location and provided a statement to Deputy Ramirez. He reported Suspect Salas assaulted him with a baseball bat and "choked" him **(Ramirez, Transcript, page 6)**. Deputy Ramirez believed Suspect Salas had committed an Assault with a Deadly Weapon against Witness [redacted] Deputy Ramirez attempted to contact Suspect Salas; however, Suspect Salas refused to exit the residence.

Deputy Ramirez requested additional deputies and contained the residence. The deputies used their patrol vehicles' spotlights to illuminate the house. They made several announcements via the public address system, requesting Suspect Salas surrender peacefully. Suspect Salas refused to comply.

A command post was established and additional resources were requested. Deputy Miranda arrived and attempted to speak with Suspect Salas. Suspect Salas removed the window screen of his bedroom window, stuck his head out and yelled profanities at the deputies. Deputy Miranda continued his efforts for several hours; however, Suspect Salas did not comply.

Lieutenant [redacted] arrived with a team of detectives and conducted a tactical briefing at the command post. Deputy Ramirez was assigned to use stingball grenades as a diversionary tactic, as necessary. Deputy Ramirez and Sergeant Walters took a containment position southwest of Suspect Salas' bedroom window, next to a block wall. Lieutenant [redacted] and Deputy Miranda attempted to communicate with Suspect Salas; however, he refused to exit the residence. Lieutenant [redacted] directed Deputy Ramirez to launch stingball grenades near Suspect Salas' bedroom window. A few seconds later, he heard a commotion after the detectives made entry. Deputy Ramirez heard what appeared to be someone running to the back yard. Deputy Ramirez then heard yelling, "Hey, get on the ground." "Get on the ground" **(Ramirez, Transcript, page 17)**. He also heard a loud bang. Deputy Ramirez looked over the block wall and saw Suspect Salas lying on the ground, face down. Deputy Ramirez vaguely recalled Deputy Huerta and two detectives standing next to Suspect Salas **(Ramirez, Transcript, page 18)**.

DEPUTY JOE MIRANDA

On October 9, 2018, IAB Sergeant Maricela Castillo interviewed Deputy Miranda at Pico Rivera Station.

Deputy Miranda was assigned to the MET, unit H918E2, on PM shift. At approximately 2015 hours, Deputy Miranda received the primary handle and Deputy Johnson was assigned as the assisting MET, unit H918A2. They responded Code 3 to [redacted] Greenvale Avenue, Pico Rivera, regarding a barricaded suspect.

At approximately 2030 hours, Deputies Miranda and Johnson arrived at the command post. Deputy Miranda observed a deputy making announcements, advising Suspect Salas to step out of his residence. Deputy Miranda was informed that contact had not been made with Suspect Salas prior to his arrival. Deputy Miranda called MET Sergeant Kevin Tiwari and asked him to respond to the location. Once Sergeant Tiwari arrived, Deputy Miranda positioned himself near Suspect Salas' bedroom window, as Deputy Johnson and Sergeant Tiwari stood next to him. Deputy Miranda spoke to Suspect Salas calmly, as he attempted to negotiate a peaceful surrender. Suspect Salas removed the window screen of his bedroom window, stuck his head out and yelled profanities at them. Deputy Miranda continued his efforts for approximately thirty minutes, as he waited for the entry team to arrive.

> **IAB NOTE:** A scene photograph was utilized to aid Deputy Miranda in identifying Suspect Salas' position during his contact with Suspect Salas **[EXHIBIT F]**.

At approximately 2230 hours, Lieutenant [redacted] and the entry team arrived. A tactical briefing was held at the command post. Deputy Miranda was assigned to work with Lieutenant [redacted] They stood a safe distance from Suspect Salas' bedroom window and re-engaged communication with Suspect Salas, to negotiate a peaceful surrender. Suspect Salas refused to exit his residence and continued to yell profanities at them.

After approximately fifteen to twenty minutes of failed negotiations, Lieutenant [redacted] directed Deputy Ramirez to launch the stingball grenades. Deputy Miranda could not observe the front or the rear of the residence due to his position. Once the entry team made entry, Deputy Miranda returned to the command post. Deputy Miranda did not observe the use of force incident. A short time later, he observed Suspect Salas being escorted to a patrol vehicle.

CIVILIAN [redacted]

IAB Investigators attempted to obtain a statement form Witness [redacted] however, he did not respond to the requests. On September 12, 2018, Deputy Cuathemoc Gonzalez, #[redacted] interviewed Witness [redacted].

On September 12, 2018, Witness [redacted] and his [redacted], Ms. [redacted] ([redacted]), drove to his residence so he could change his clothes for work. Upon their arrival, [redacted] parked in front of the location and remained inside the vehicle. As Witness [redacted] ran inside his residence, he saw Witness [redacted] and Suspect Salas standing in the street. Next, Suspect Salas followed Witness [redacted] inside the residence and began to argue with him about past incidents. The argument led to a physical confrontation between them.

Witness [redacted] ran outside, wearing only boxer underwear, to escape from Suspect Salas. Suspect Salas chased him around the street and threatend to assault him. Suspect Salas punched Witness [redacted] and also hit him with wooden sticks. Witness [redacted] entered his [redacted]s vehicle to leave the location; however, Suspect Salas jumped into the car and got on top of him. Suspect Salas choked Witness [redacted] and tried to gouge his eyes out. Witness [redacted] believed Suspect Salas was going to kill him ([redacted] **Transcript, page 2)**. Witness [redacted] believed Suspect Salas stopped his assault and sat on the curb only because he got tired.

At this point, he and [redacted] drove away from the location, but they returned when they saw a deputy arrive. Witness [redacted] provided a statement to the deputy, and as he did so, Witness [redacted] saw Suspect Salas run inside their residence ([redacted] **Transcript, page 3)**.

IAB NOTE: IAB Investigators were unable to obtain a statement from [redacted].

CIVILIAN [redacted]

On September 13, 2018, IAB Sergeants Maricela Castillo and Israel Renteria interviewed Witness [redacted] at the location.

On September 12, 2018, during the early evening, Witness [redacted] was sitting in her living room. She opined Suspect Salas had an "episode" because he appeared to be enraged, as he threw the refrigerator outside on the driveway, and proceeded to throw items in the neighbor's pool [redacted] **Transcript, page 13)**.

Witness [redacted] feared for her safety and ran into the street to distance herself from Suspect Salas. Seconds later, Witness [redacted] and [redacted] arrived. Witness [redacted] ran inside his home to change his clothes for work, while [redacted] waited in the vehicle. Witness [redacted] saw Suspect Salas take his shirt off and run inside the residence behind Witness [redacted]. Witness [redacted] heard Witness [redacted] yell, "What are you doing?" "I am getting dressed for work" ([redacted] **Transcript, page 6)**. She asked [redacted] to call the police because she was fearful of an impending fight between her two [redacted].

Next, she saw Witness [redacted] run out of the house wearing only boxer briefs and socks, as Suspect Salas chased Witness [redacted]. Witness [redacted] ran toward [redacted]'s vehicle and entered the passenger side. Suspect Salas approached Witness [redacted] and punched him with both fists. Witness [redacted] recalled Suspect Salas had a baseball bat or a wooden stick in his hand; however, she did not observe Suspect Salas hit him with it. She then heard [redacted] yell to her that Suspect Salas was choking Witness [redacted] ([redacted] **Transcript, page 8)**.

Witness [redacted] believed Suspect Salas was going to kill Witness [redacted] so she ran over and "nudged" on Suspect Salas. Her action allowed Witness [redacted] to push Suspect Salas off of him ([redacted] **Transcript, page 2)**. She believed Suspect Salas got out of the car and stopped assaulting Witness [redacted] due to being exhausted. This allowed [redacted] to drive Witness [redacted] away from the location, south on Greendale Avenue toward Roma Street.

At this point, Witness [redacted] feared for her safety and she ran to the corner of Roma Street and Greendale Avenue. Along the way, she fell and injured her face. A deputy sheriff arrived at her location and obtained her statement. As she provided a statement, she observed Suspect Salas run inside the house. The deputy requested paramedics and she was transported to PIH to be treated for her injuries.

CIVILIAN [redacted]

On September 14, 2018, IAB Sergeants Maricela Castillo and Israel Renteria interviewed Witness [redacted] at the location.

On September 12, 2018, Witness [redacted] heard a loud commotion coming from her [redacted] residence. She looked out her [redacted]s bedroom window and saw Suspect Salas in the back yard next to the garage, throwing and punching a refrigerator. Suspect Salas grabbed a beer can, bit into the side of the can, and appeared to drink from its side, as Witness [redacted] stood nearby laughing **([redacted] Transcript, page 3)**. Witness [redacted] walked away from the window and attempted to ignore them.

Seconds later, Witness [redacted] observed Witness [redacted] standing in front of her residence. Witness [redacted] appeared to be extremely fearful. Witness [redacted] observed Suspect Salas chasing another male (Witness [redacted], who was wearing only boxer briefs and socks. Witness [redacted] video recorded them with her cell phone for a few seconds. She then realized Suspect Salas was "choking" Witness [redacted] She stopped the recording and called the police **([redacted] Transcript, page 3)**. Suspect Salas later stopped his assault on Witness [redacted] and sat on the curb. When Witness [redacted] left the location in a vehicle, Witness [redacted] ran and held onto the vehicle. She fell face down in the middle of the street, as the vehicle accelerated. Witness [redacted] then stood up and ran south toward the street corner, where she was contacted by a deputy.

Witness [redacted] saw a deputy park his car in front of her home, facing the suspect's residence. The deputy made several announcements on the public address system, asking Suspect Salas to step out of his home, but he did not comply. At approximately 2030 hours, Witness [redacted] and her family left the area at the request of the deputies, and they returned after the incident had concluded.

SUSPECT MARK V. SALAS

On September 13, 2018, Pico Rivera Station Watch Commander, Lieutenant Gonzalez interviewed Suspect Salas at PIH hospital. On October 3, 2018, IAB Investigators Maricela Castillo and Israel Renteria contacted Suspect Salas at Men's Central Jail. Both interviews were digitally recorded and transcribed. The interview transcripts were included with this case. The following is a summary of the interviews.

During the watch commander interview, Suspect Salas was not very vocal, possibly due to his medical treatment. Suspect Salas admitted he was involved in a physical altercation with his [redacted] He sustained a bruised eye, redness to his forehead, and abrasions to his right knee during this altercation. Suspect Salas sustained a non-puncture wound to the right side of his torso, when a "cop shot him" **(Salas, Transcript, page 2 of 3)**.

On October 3, 2018, Suspect Salas stated that on the day of the incident, deputies responded to his residence because he was involved in a physical altercation with his [redacted] The deputies attempted to contact him but he remained in his bedroom and refused to step out. Several announcements were made for a "couple hours" asking him to step out of his residence **(Salas, Transcript, page 4 of 13)**.

Suspect Salas did not step out because he knew he had a warrant for his arrest. Suspect Salas later saw the deputies enter his residence. He ran to the rear of his home and to the back yard.

As he stood in the back yard, he observed two deputies standing in his neighbor's back yard, just west of his home. Seconds later, four more deputies exited his residence and stood approximately ten feet away from him, next to the garage **(Salas, Transcript, page 8 of 13)**. The deputies ordered him to get on the floor. Suspect Salas was then shot on the right side of his "ribs," which caused him to collapse to the ground **(Salas, Transcript, page 10 of 13)**. The deputies then handcuffed him and helped him walk to a patrol vehicle. Suspect Salas was transported to the hospital by paramedics.

Suspect Salas said he drank one beer and denied being under the influence of illegal drugs.